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PROCUREMENT AND SALE BY NAFED
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum and the price of the oilseeds and pulses procured by National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED) and the agencies to which the stocks were sold alongwith its rate during each of the last two years and the current year;

(b) whether the employees of NAFED are treated as public servants and are covered under the Prevention of Corruption Act;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the provisions of the Act are being followed by NAFED; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): A statement showing procurement of oilseeds and pulses made by NAFED under Price Support Scheme (PSS) during last two years and the current year is annexed. The stocks of oilseeds and pulses procured under PSS by NAFED are disposed by NAFED in the open market, after the procuring season is over.

Sales are made in the open market at the best available day to day prices after inviting offers / tenders / quotations from private firms / millers / cooperative institutions / Government institutions / State Civil Supplies Corporations etc.

(b) to (e): NAFED is a Multi-State Cooperative Society registered under Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002. It is neither a public undertaking nor Government has any share holding in NAFED. However, for PSS operation undertaken by NAFED on behalf of Government, the provisions of Prevention of Corruption act becomes applicable on its employees. As per the information furnished by NAFED, they are regularly filing returns with the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) on various vigilance/disciplinary matters. NAFED has also set up a full-fledged internal vigilance machinery which ensures adherence of various guidelines/instructions of Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) on different subjects.